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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
GROUP 3652
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Docket No.: OT-4190A
Pedro Baranda et al. : Date: September 17, 2001
Appln. No.: 09/577,313 : Group Art: 3652
Filing Date: May 24, 2000 : Examiner: T. Tran
Title: Tension Member for an Elevator

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 21, 2001, Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendments to the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 23 to read as follows, where the version of the claim reflecting the amendments appears on the attached Claim Sheet:

1 23. (Twice Amended) A traction drive for an elevator system, the elevator system including a car and a counterweight, the traction drive comprising:
at least one tension member, each of which interconnects the car and counterweight, the tension member comprising a load carrying rope and a polyurethane coating encasing the load carrying rope, the tension member having a width w, a thickness t measured in the bending direction, and an engagement surface defined on the polyurethane coating by the width dimension of the tension member, wherein the tension

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